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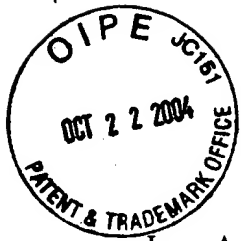
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Title: **LOYALTY LINK METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR INTEGRATING
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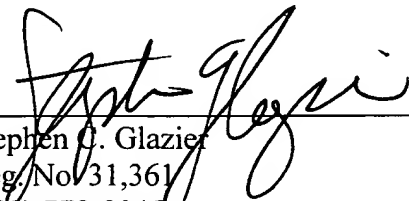
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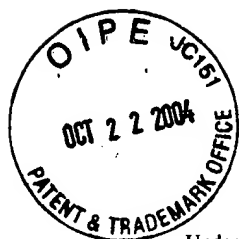
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